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The following is a translation of [REDACTED] report concerning the outlawed Tudeh Party:

"As reported last week, the cells again consist of four members,¹ and the network, according to the Party itself, consists of sub-district committees (Bakhsh), responsibles' cells (Hawzh Masulin), and then ordinary cells (Adi). Each responsible handles two or more cells. Branch and branch heads (Shakheh and Sar Shakheh) no longer exist.

"It is said that henceforth each member will have to take care of two probationary members whose clearance (as reported earlier) must already have been received from the District Committee (Mahalli) and who must be on probation for a period of two months. They (i.e., the members) mean to find out during this two-month period whether the probationary member is interested in their cause, or whether he is an informer and has joined at the instance of others.

"Probationary members are handled in the following way: they are assigned to cells but are not told the identity of cell members since the Party handles the initial contacting of the new applicant itself. For example, if a carpenter applies for admittance, comrades of a cell will be assigned to handle him. One comrade, pretending to happen to pass the applicant, will try to sell him a Tudeh newspaper. Another will establish relations with him through business or some other pretext, and will try to find out his ideas in order to ascertain whether he is a real believer or whether he has been assigned by others to join the Party. Every week comrades must send to their superiors a report containing their own views concerning the probationary member. These reports will be reviewed after two months and the superiors will decide whether or not the probationary member will be admitted to membership.

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"The Tudeh has established these strict rules for admittance because it was well-known that the Police and the Army intended to break the Party and had assigned their men to join it."

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